

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing in regards of Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the
FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's
media market, I strongly believe that the FCC must retain all of the
current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the
public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in
the broadcast industry.

The studies commissioned by the FCC disregard the negative affects of
media deregulation. While there may be indeed be more sources of media
than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become distinctly
meager, and are being exploited as a chorus of propaganda.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership
rules in question in this proceeding.

I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in
Richmond, VA in February 2003. Plus, I strongly encourage the Commission
to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country. A think it is
important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those
with financial interests must be balanced with those of a social and civic
interest.

With the most serious impact these rule changes will have on our
democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review
these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a
meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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